

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on July 1, 2003.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT codes 62284 and 62289-52 for date of service April 2, 2003.

II. RATIONALE

- CPT Code 62284* for date of service 11/25/02. The insurance carrier denied the services as “F – When introducing additional materials thru the same puncture site, reimbursement shall be allowed for the material only.” Per the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, Surgery Ground Rule (I)(A)(3) starred (*) surgical procedures are not subject to the global fee concept. Procedure summary supports delivery of service. Reimbursement in the amount of \$303.00 is recommended.
- CPT Code 62289*-52 for date of service 11/25/02. The insurance carrier denied the services as “F – when bilateral procedures are performed at the same operative session. Use appropriate procedure code for 1st procedure. For 2nd (bilateral) procedure add modifier –50 to code”. Per the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, General Instructions (I)(B) the requestor did not use the correct modifier when billing the services; therefore reimbursement is not recommended.

IV. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes 62284 and 62289-52 in the amount of \$303.00. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby ORDERS the Respondent to remit **\$303.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 25th day of February 2004.

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